

Editorial and Local.

Clark Rogers, says the Silver City Enterprise, has proven himself an inventive genius, and has mastered the prairie dog question. "Buy some good sized fish hooks with eyelets on top," says Mr. Rogers, "and nail two or three of them on a narrow board. Put the board in the dog's den. The dog will come up all right, but will always slide down, when they are impaled on the hooks. It never fails to catch them, and the method is both cheap and rapid. By proper attention one man can catch a whole town of prairie dogs in a few days."

Miss Laura B. Marsh has an interesting story now running in the Detroit Free Press, entitled, "A Pine Tree's Shadow." Its plot is laid in Colorado and New Mexico, and one acquainted with western scenes, can read realism in every chapter. In a happy simile one of her characters exclaims:

"Nature makes strange breaks in this western country. She plants flowers where you would suppose nothing but weeds would grow. And they thrive, too. We see them peeping from the side of snow-banks, from among rocks; and some of the whitest and daintiest things we find blossoming perfectly in the driest and most sterile of our land, that would die in your hot-houses."

Miss Marsh comes of a family of printers and is a sister of George Marsh, of the Santa Fe Sun.

It is rumored that Jay Gould himself is back of the scheme to build a new road through New Mexico to El Paso, via Las Vegas and White Oaks. Mr. Gould controls the Union Pacific, which has a line from Trinidad to Catskill, in Colfax county, and when he was in El Paso several years ago, he had parties to manipulate things so as to get control of the El Paso-White Oaks franchise. What the territory needs is more railroads, and if Jay Gould desires to build new lines, let him do it.—Albuquerque Citizen.

The people of south Santa Fe county are not only ready to echo the closing sentiment of the above paragraph, but they are willing, if necessary, to urge on this good work. They believe that if this road is built or likely to be built in a year or two, it will have the effect by the nearness of its line to our great mineral fields, to either enter them by a spur and give us competing lines, or will force the Santa Fe to develop these fields and protect their output in self defense.

P. T. Barnum used to relate a story illustrating the extent a man can be mean. A man had opened a store and was offering free drinks to customers. A stranger came in and inquired: "What's the price of darning needles?" "A cent a piece," was the reply. "And what are eggs worth?" "Six pence a dozen." "Well, that is a cent a piece, isn't it? so I'll take a darning needle and leave this egg." The exchange was effected when the egg man said: "You promised to treat each customer." "Well, what will you drink?" "I guess I'll take a glass of sherry wine." The glass of sherry was brought. Looking at it thoughtfully the "customer" observed: "It's a very remarkable thing, but I never could drink sherry wine without an egg in it." "Well you shall have it," said the store-keeper. As the contents were dropped into the glass of sherry it was noticed that it had two yolks. "Well, now," said the drinker, "my wife would be blessed if she knew that; to think that she parted with two yolks for one darning needle. You really must give me another needle for that second yolk."

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